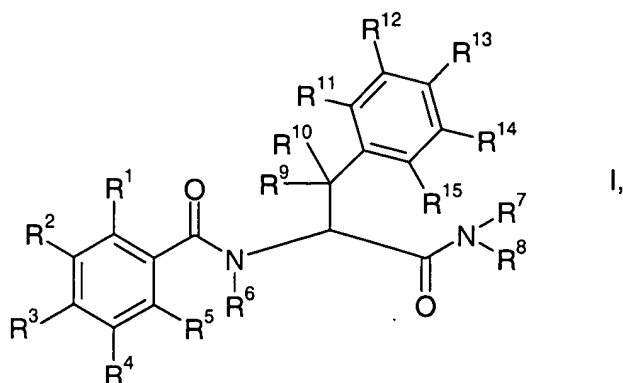


**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) A benzoyl-substituted phenylalanineamide of the formula I



in which the variables are as defined below:

$R^1$  is halogen, cyano,  $C_1$ - $C_6$ -alkyl,  $C_1$ - $C_6$ -haloalkyl,  $C_1$ - $C_6$ -haloalkoxy, nitro, hydroxycarbonyl,  $C_1$ - $C_6$ -alkoxycarbonyl,  $C_1$ - $C_6$ -haloalkylthio or phenyl;

$R^2$ ,  $R^3$ ,  $R^4$ ,  $R^5$  are hydrogen, halogen, cyano,  $C_1$ - $C_6$ -alkyl,  $C_1$ - $C_6$ -haloalkyl,  $C_1$ - $C_6$ -alkoxy,  $C_1$ - $C_6$ -haloalkoxy, nitro, amino,  $C_1$ - $C_6$ -alkylamino, di( $C_1$ - $C_6$ -alkyl)amino,  $C_1$ - $C_6$ -alkylthio or  $C_1$ - $C_6$ -alkoxycarbonyl;

$R^6$ ,  $R^7$  are hydrogen, hydroxyl or  $C_1$ - $C_6$ -alkoxy;

$R^8$  is  $C_1$ - $C_6$ -alkyl,  $C_1$ - $C_4$ -cyanoalkyl or  $C_1$ - $C_6$ -haloalkyl;

$R^9$  is  $OR^{16}$ ,  $SR^{17}$  or  $NR^{18}R^{19}$ ;

R<sup>10</sup> is hydrogen or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkyl;

R<sup>11</sup>, R<sup>12</sup> are hydrogen, halogen, cyano, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-haloalkyl, hydroxyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkoxy, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-haloalkoxy, hydroxyl, nitro, hydroxy-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkoxy-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl, tri(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkyl)silyloxy-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkylthio, (hydroxycarbonyl)-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkyl, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkoxycarbonyl)-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkyl, (hydroxycarbonyl)-C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkenyl, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkoxycarbonyl)-C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkenyl, (hydroxycarbonyl)-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkoxy, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkoxycarbonyl)-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkoxy, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkylcarbonyl)oxy-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl, hydroxycarbonyl-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkoxy-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkylsulfonyl)oxy-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl-O-C(O)-[C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl-O]<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl, carbamoyloxy-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkylaminocarbonyl)oxy-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl, [di(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl)aminocarbonyl]oxy-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl, [(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-haloalkylsulfonyl)aminocarbonyl]oxy-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl, benzyloxy, where the phenyl ring may be substituted by 1 to 3 radicals from the group consisting of halogen and C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl, amino, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkylamino, di(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl)amino, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkylsulfonyl)amino, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-(haloalkylsulfonyl)amino, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkylcarbonyl)amino, carbamoylamino, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkylamino)carbonylamino, [di(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl)amino]carbonylamino, [(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-haloalkylsulfonyl)aminocarbonyl]amino, phenyl or heterocyclyl, where the phenyl and the heterocyclyl radical of the two last-mentioned substituents may carry one to three radicals from the following group: halogen, nitro, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-haloalkyl, hydroxycarbonyl and C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkoxycarbonyl;

R<sup>13</sup>, R<sup>14</sup>, R<sup>15</sup> are hydrogen, halogen, cyano, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-haloalkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkoxy, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-haloalkoxy, nitro, hydroxyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkylthio or benzyloxy;

R<sup>16</sup>, R<sup>17</sup>, R<sup>18</sup> are hydrogen, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkyl, tri(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkyl)silyl, C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-cycloalkyl, C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-

alkenyl, C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkynyl, C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-haloalkenyl, C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-haloalkynyl, formyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkylcarbonyl, C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-cycloalkylcarbonyl, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkenylcarbonyl, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkynylcarbonyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkoxycarbonyl, C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkenyloxycarbonyl, C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkynyloxycarbonyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkylaminocarbonyl, C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkenylaminocarbonyl, C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkynylaminocarbonyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkylsulfonylaminocarbonyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-haloalkylsulfonylaminocarbonyl, di(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkyl)aminocarbonyl, N-(C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkenyl)-N-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkyl)aminocarbonyl, N-(C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkynyl)-N-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkyl)aminocarbonyl, N-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkoxy)-N-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkyl)aminocarbonyl, N-(C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkenyl)-N-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkoxy)aminocarbonyl, N-(C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkynyl)-N-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkoxy)aminocarbonyl, di(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkyl)aminothiocabonyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkylcarbonyl-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkoxyimino-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkyl, N-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkylamino)imino-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkyl or N-(di-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkylamino)imino-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkyl,

where the alkyl, cycloalkyl and alkoxy radicals mentioned may be partially or fully halogenated and/or may carry one to three of the following groups: cyano, hydroxyl, C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-cycloalkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkoxy, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkylthio, di(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl)amino, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkylcarbonyl, hydroxycarbonyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkoxycarbonyl, aminocarbonyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkylaminocarbonyl, di(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl)-aminocarbonyl or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkylcarbonyloxy;

phenyl, phenyl-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkyl, phenylcarbonyl, phenylcarbonyl-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkyl, phenoxycarbonyl, phenylaminocarbonyl, phenylsulfonylaminocarbonyl, N-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkyl)-N-(phenyl)aminocarbonyl, phenyl-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkylcarbonyl, heterocyclyl, heterocyclyl-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkyl, heterocyclylcarbonyl, heterocyclylcarbonyl-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkyl, heterocyclioxycarbonyl, heterocyclylaminocarbonyl, heterocyclylsulfonylaminocarbonyl, N-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkyl)-N-(heterocyclyl)aminocarbonyl or heterocyclyl-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkylcarbonyl,

where the phenyl and the heterocyclyl radicals ~~of the 17 last~~

~~mentioned substituents~~ may be partially or fully halogenated and/or may carry one to three of the following groups: nitro, cyano, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-haloalkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkoxy or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-haloalkoxy

SO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>20</sup>; -C(O)-[C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl-O]<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl; or

-C(O)-O-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl-O-phenyl, where the phenyl radical may optionally be substituted by one to three radicals from the group consisting of halogen and C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl;

R<sup>19</sup> is hydrogen, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-cycloalkyl, C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkenyl, C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkynyl, C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-haloalkenyl, C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-haloalkynyl,

where the alkyl and cycloalkyl radicals mentioned may be partially or fully halogenated and/or may carry one to three of the following groups: cyano, hydroxyl, C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-cycloalkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkoxy, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkylthio, di(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl)amino, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkylcarbonyl, hydroxycarbonyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkoxycarbonyl, aminocarbonyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkylaminocarbonyl, di(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl)aminocarbonyl or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkylcarbonyloxy; or

phenyl, phenyl-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkyl, heterocyclyl or heterocyclyl-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkyl, where the phenyl and the heterocyclyl radicals of the 4 last-mentioned substituents may be partially or fully halogenated, and/or may carry one to three of the following groups: nitro, cyano, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-haloalkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkoxy or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-haloalkoxy;

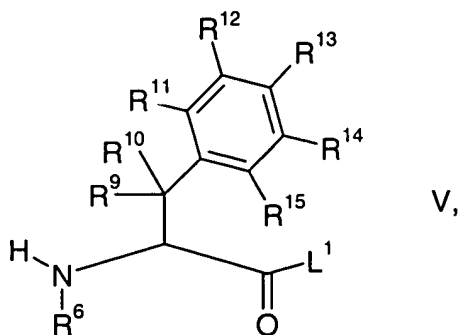
R<sup>20</sup> is C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-haloalkyl or phenyl,

where the phenyl radical may be partially or fully halogenated and/or may carry one to three of the following groups: C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-haloalkyl or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkoxy;

or an agriculturally useful salt thereof.

2. (Original) The benzoyl-substituted phenylalanineamide of the formula I according to claim 1, where  $R^1$  is halogen or  $C_1$ - $C_6$ -haloalkyl.
3. (Currently Amended) The benzoyl-substituted phenylalanineamide of the formula according to claim 1 ~~or 2~~, where  $R^2$  and  $R^3$  independently of one another are hydrogen, halogen or  $C_1$ - $C_6$ -haloalkyl.
4. (Currently Amended) The benzoyl-substituted phenylalanineamide of the formula I according to ~~any of claims 1 to 3~~ claim 1, where  $R^4$ ,  $R^5$ ,  $R^6$ ,  $R^7$ ,  $R^{10}$ ,  $R^{13}$ ,  $R^{14}$  and  $R^{15}$  are hydrogen.
5. (Currently Amended) The benzoyl-substituted phenylalanineamide of the formula I according to ~~any of claims 1 to 4~~ claim 1, where  $R^9$  is  $OR^{16}$ .
6. (Original) A process for preparing benzoyl-substituted phenylalanineamides of the formula I according to claim 1, which comprises

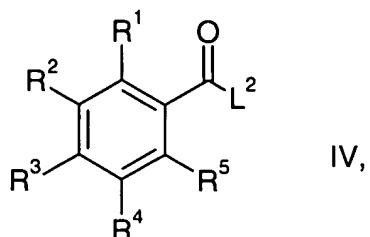
reacting phenylalanines of the formula V



where  $R^6$  and  $R^9$  to  $R^{15}$  are as defined in claim 1 and  $L^1$  is a nucleophilically

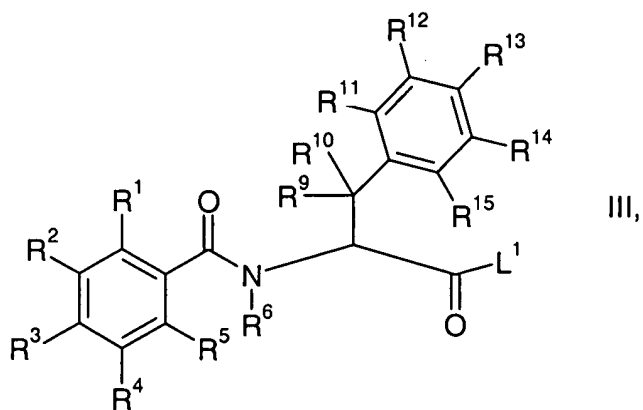
displaceable leaving group,

with benzoic acids or benzoic acid derivatives of the formula IV



where  $R^1$  to  $R^5$  are as defined in claim 1 and  $L^2$  is a nucleophilically displaceable leaving group

to give the corresponding benzoyl derivatives of the formula III



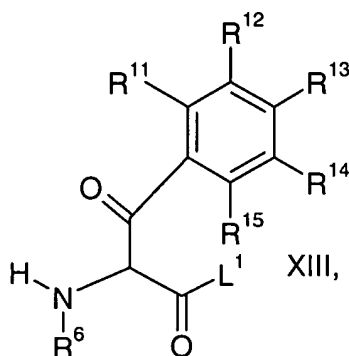
where  $R^1$  to  $R^6$  and  $R^9$  to  $R^{15}$  are as defined in claim 1 and  $L^1$  is a nucleophilically displaceable leaving group

and then reacting the resulting benzoyl derivatives of the formula III with an amine of the formula II



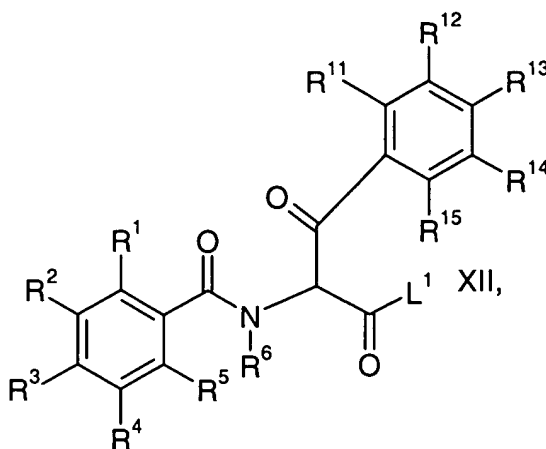
where  $\text{R}^7$  and  $\text{R}^8$  are as defined in claim 1.

7. (Currently Amended) The process of claim 6 for preparing benzoyl-substituted phenylalanineamides of the formula I ~~according to claim 1~~, where  $\text{R}^9$  is hydroxyl and  $\text{R}^{10}$  is hydrogen, which comprises preparing benzoyl derivatives of the formula III where  $\text{R}^9$  is hydroxyl and  $\text{R}^{10}$  is hydrogen by ~~acylation~~ acylating of keto compounds of the formula XIII



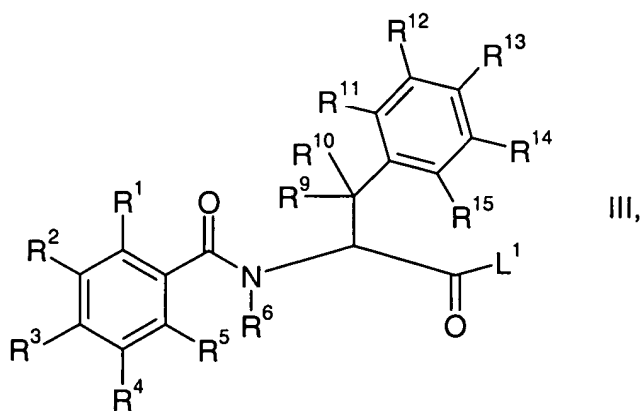
where  $\text{R}^6$  and  $\text{R}^{11}$  to  $\text{R}^{15}$  are as defined in claim 4 6 and  $\text{L}^1$  is a nucleophilically displaceable leaving group

with benzoic acids/benzoic acid derivatives of the formula IV ~~into~~ to produce N-acyl keto compounds of the formula XII



where  $R^1$  to  $R^6$  and  $R^{11}$  to  $R^{15}$  are as defined in claim 4-6 and  $L^1$  is a nucleophilically displaceable leaving group, ~~followed by reduction of~~ and thereafter reducing the keto group.

8. (Original) A benzoyl derivative of the formula III



where  $R^1$  to  $R^6$  and  $R^9$  to  $R^{15}$  are as defined in claim 1 and  $L^1$  is a nucleophilically displaceable leaving group.

9. (Currently Amended) A herbicidal composition, comprising a herbicidally effective amount of at least one benzoyl-substituted phenylalanineamide ~~of the~~



~~formula I~~ or an agriculturally useful salt of ~~I according to any of claims 1 to 5 thereof~~  
of claim 1 and auxiliaries customary for formulating crop protection agents.

10. (Currently Amended) A process for preparing compositions according to claim ~~8~~ 9, which comprises mixing a herbicidally effective amount of at least one benzoyl-substituted phenylalanineamide ~~of the formula I~~ or an agriculturally useful salt of ~~I according to any of claims 1 to 5 thereof~~ of claim 1 and with auxiliaries customary for formulating crop protection agents.
11. (Currently Amended) A method for controlling unwanted vegetation, which comprises allowing a herbicidally effective amount of at least one benzoyl-substituted phenylalanineamide ~~of the formula I~~ or an agriculturally useful salt of ~~I according to any of claims 1 to 5 thereof~~ of claim 1 to act on plants, their habitat and/or on seed.
12. (Cancelled)
13. (New) The method of claim 11, wherein the application rate of the compound of formula I or salt thereof is from 0.001 to 3.0 kg/ha.
14. (New) The method of claim 13, wherein the application rate is 0.01 to 1.0 kg/ha.
15. (New) The phenylalanineamide or salt thereof of claim 1, wherein  $R^1$  is F;  $R^2$ ,  $R^3$ ,  $R^4$ ,  $R^5$ ,  $R^6$ ,  $R^7$ ,  $R^{10}$ ,  $R^{14}$  and  $R^{15}$  are all H; and  $R^8$  is  $CH_3$ .